

**County Council Special Meeting  
July 31, 2018**

**Present: Blake Bunner, Aaron Benton, Jack Kroeger, David Gogel, Steve Winsett, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Blake Bunner at 5:00 P.M.

**School Resource Officer – Sheriff McDurmon/ Superintendent Rutherford**

McDurmon stated they are here requesting the salary ordinance be amended to include the new school resource officer. Rutherford explained that the hope of the school is that this officer will build a relationship with the students and parents so they are comfortable and familiar with them. There is such negative publicity surrounding police officers and they want the students to see this as a positive experience. The school corporation feels the schools are safe now, but this will be an asset to the schools and is something that will probably be pushed from the state level anyway. Winsett stated he is not pleased with spending the money, but would never forgive himself if something happened to a child because of him. Kroeger stated it would not be because of him, this is deciding who funds the process and if the county should step in and pay for what appears to be something the school should fund. Out of the 60 million dollars spent in this county a year, 40 million of it is spent by our schools. Kroeger stated he understands if they need funding for the rest of 2018, but the safety of the students is the schools responsibility and he feels they should pay for it.

An agreement between the Sheriff and the school corporation was presented to the council prior to the meeting. Kroeger asked who is going to look over this agreement and decide what the terms are and who is responsible for what, Lindsey has not seen the agreement. McDurmon stated they have looked over it and there are a few things he wishes to discuss with the school, but is sure they can come to an agreement. Kroeger stated he feels this is something the board of commissioners needs to review and approve then make a recommendation to the council. An amended salary ordinance was presented reflecting the new position and a salary of \$13,855.00 for employment starting on 8/2/18 thru year end. That is the amount the school corporation would need to reimburse us. Kroeger stated his understanding was the immediate need for assistance for the rest of this year, due to lack of funding in the current budget. Rutherford stated it's not just that, their ultimate goal is to form a partnership with the county and show we are working together. Funding benefits for the rest of 2018 is something we can probably do, but not taking the full benefit amount on in future budgets. Gogel stated it's a slippery slope, we could have requests from others in the future and we don't know how we would deal with those and these are ultimately county employees and the liability falls on us. Benton figured the county cost for benefits for a 12-month period based on Sr. Deputy salary and the county's part is right under \$25,000.00. Kroeger stated that is probably about all the levy increase we will get this year in county general. There was discussion about whether or not the school could fully fund the position and reimburse the county. Benton stated he doesn't feel like the school corporation should have to cover the full amount if they are only utilizing the officer for 180 days and they will work for the county the rest of the time. There is the possibility of the county and school corporation entering into an interlocal agreement and they pay for the time they use. Benton stated we have to move forward on this today to get an officer in the schools on the first day. Kroeger made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with the principle parts being we will fund benefits until the end of the calendar year subject to other details being negotiated. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Amend Salary Ordinance**

Kroeger made a motion to approve amending the salary ordinance to reflect the changes listed below.

**Sheriff:** School Resource Officer - \$13,855.38

**Coroner:** Deputy Coroner - \$8,461.24

**Election Board:** Inspector Rate One Precinct - \$145.00

Two Precinct - \$170.00

Three Precinct - \$190.00

**Animal Control:** Animal Control Officer - \$21,966.00 Hourly Rate \$20.00/hr

Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**New Business**

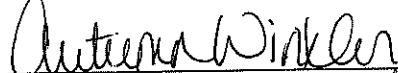
Auditor Winkler informed the council the DOR implemented a new Innkeeper's Tax form statewide and on the form there is a 0.73% collection allowance. The county does not currently have a collection allowance and if the council wishes to change the allowance rate back to 0.00%

we need to appeal and send a letter to the DOR requesting the form be changed. If the council wishes to implement the new collection allowance we need to amend the ordinance to state this. Innkeeper's tax is currently 5% with 1% for the county and 4% going to the Visitor's Bureau. If we implement this allowance it will allow the innkeeper's to retain that 0.73% which slightly lowers the county and visitor's bureau share. Benton made a motion to keep our ordinance the same and not implement a collection allowance. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

President:

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler

